(b) the quantum of power loss reduction achieved as a result of above said incentive, State-wise during 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03; and

(c) the mechanism to see that the amounts released to various States in incentives is utilized properly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Under Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP), grants equivalent to 50% of the actual cash loss reduction effected by State Electricity Boards (SEBs)/Utilities is provided to State Governments. The provisions to grant incentive were incorporated under APDRP during the year 2002-2003. Hence, no incentive was released to any State during the years 2000-01 and 2001-02. The Details of incentive given during the years 2002-2003 are as under:

Sl. No.	State	Cash loss reduction	Eligibility of incentive	Incentive released
1.	Gujarat	1072.30	536.15	236.37
2.	Maharashtra	579.74	289.87	137.89
3.	Haryana	210.98	105.49	5.01
	Total	**1863.02**	**931.51**	**379.27**

(b) Grant of incentive under APDRP is related to the actual cash loss reduction effected by the SEB as per their audited statements.

(c) The grant released under incentive component of the APDRP is to be utilized in improvement of power sector only. The State Governmetns/State Power Utilities are required to submit monthly progress report in respect of execution of the project, fund utilization etc.

World Bank loan for rural electrification

891. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has sought World Bank loan for rural electrification;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of villages which are bereft of power in the country and also those in the Orissa State; and

(d) what is the action-plan of Government to provide power to all the villages in Orissa State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) During discusions with the World Bank on their programme for the power sector, the Bank's involvements in rural electrification has also been envisaged.

(c) The position regarding un-electrified village as on 31.03.2003 is as under:

All India	95970
Orissa	9686

(d) Electrification of all villages of Orissa has been targeted by 2007.

Defective E-Meters

892. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government have been drawn to the news item captioned "DERC finds e-meters faulty, will rethink test method", as reported in the media;

(b) if so, the details of meters found defective by DERC with the names of the companies; and

(c) whether DERC have issued any directive to the State Elecrtricity Board (SEB) debarring it to purchase meters from these companies, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC) had set up a committee to look into the various complaints received from the consumers in connection with their electricity meters. The Committee which undertook testing of about 375 meters has observed that more than 91% of the meters so tested recorded consumption level which were within the prescribed limit given in the Indian Electricity Rules. About 2% of the meters were found to be slow